He Did Not Refer to the Temperary High Prices of Boom Times. He Says -- Cost of Foodstuffs Has Risen Greatly Since

1893-Laborers Never Better Off. Not long ago Andrew Carnegie, in an address before the Young Men's Christian ation, said:

"It is one of the most cheering facts of our day that under present conditions the wages of labor tend to rise and the prices of the necessaries of life tend to fall." A day or two after the report of Mr. Carnegie's speech was published, "F. C.," to THE SUN, combated the stateent, and said that the cost of living, when the word living is meant to include only things to eat, was never higher than it is at present. Some of the newspapers, with socialistic leanings, have taken occasion to comment editorially upon Mr. Carnegie's Some of the newspapers, with tterances and upon the letter of THE SUN's correspondent, and have attempted to show that in these prosperous times of ours the capitalist is getting all the benefit of the prosperity and that the laborer has a particularly hard time to get along.

When Mr. Carnegle's attention was called to the fact that statistics did not bear out his statement, he qualified his utterance

When I spoke of the decreased cost of living 'in our day under present conditions' I had no reference to the advance in prices during the past few years of this temporary 'boom.' This is to change when the 'boom' subsides. Contrast prices before that and the fall is seen. 'Our day' is our generation. In clothing, for instance, the fall is remarkable, and in many other miscellaneous articles equally so.

The fact is that the cost of foodstuffs has materially increased, but it is equally true that the condition of the laborer in this country was never better than it is to-day. The capitalist is making money, so is the laborer. This is shown in no better way than by figures compiled for the "Index Number," of Dun's Review. In compiling this "Index Number" the price of a unit of each commodity for a given month is multiplied by the annual per capita consumption, so that at any given date is shown at the price of that date, the date is shown at the price of that date, the cost per capita of a year's supplies of all the necessaries of life. In a table recently published in the Review it was shown that the cost of living for 1901 was higher than the cost of living in any other recent year. A comparison of figures given below may be of interest. In explanation of the table it should be stated that the figures given represent the average cost per capita of any commodity mentioned for one year, at the price of the commodity on the date given. Here are the figures: Here are the figures:

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"Breadstuffs" include wheat, corn, barrley, oats, rye, beans and peas. "Meats" include live hogs, beef, sheep and many meat products, such as lard, tallow, &c. "Dairy and garden" include eggs and fruits, while "other foods" include fish, liquors, sugar, rice and tobacco. "Clothing" includes raw materials, silk, rubber goods, hides and leather. In commenting on the table, only a part of which is given above, the Recieu says:

It is to be regretted that the compilation of prices here given has been quoted in support of efforts to sur ap antagonism between wage earners and employers. In this connection the claim has been made that the remarkable advance in the cost of living since July 1, 1807, was due to combinations of capital, and that the manufacturer secured all the difference in price, while the wage earners were not earning any more money, although compelled to pay the advanced quotations for all things consumed. These statements are very far from the truth. Not only are the wage earners receiving much better pay than at the earlier date, but they are well employed. The rate of wages is of trifling importance when there is no work. It was this factor, more than any other, which produced the depression that culminated on July 1, 1807, with prices at the lowest point in the nation's at the time that 5,000,000 men were unable to find employment. The recent that the remarked to the rest of the remarked to the remar history. It was estimated by labor exp rts at the time that 3,000,000 men were unable to find employment. This means that 15,000,000 persons were living on as little as possible, and consequently the consumptive denand was reduced to the lowest point. At the present time there is little difficulty in meeting the higher level of quotations, for there is full employment and cach man has only his own family to think of instead of a host of unfortunate relatives and friends, as was the case during the carlier period.

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The figures show that, while foodstuffs have increased in price, the cost of manu factured articles has tended to decrease factured articles has tended to decrease. The table, as given above, does not show a material decrease in the cost of clothing, which is a manufactured article, although Dun's figures in the full table show that for months other than January, during the years from 1898 to 1902, the tendency of clothing prices has been downward. The prices of other manufactured articles, particularly metal products, have become steadily lower. The rise in the price of foodstuffs is traced to a variety of causes. The natural increase in the population has something to do with it, but it must be ascribed chiefly to the demand for our agricultural products abroad. The Boer war has had something to do with increasing this demand and the new markets opened to us in the islands of the southern and scentern seas have also had something and western seas have also had something

Attention is called to the fact that, when the farmers in any country are prosperous, the general condition of that country is good. It seems to be a proper conduston, therefore, that the increase in the cost of feedstuffs is not sitegether an unfavor feedstuffs is not altogether an unfavorable sign. Due remarks, in effect, that if Mr. Carnegte was wrong in particulars, he was right on the general proposition that the condition of the American laborer was never better than it is at present. To that statement the following comment is added.

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CARNEGIE RIGHT ABOUT LABOR JEWELLER BROWN'S MURDER. GOING SLOW IN TUNNEL CASE. The Police Connecting It With a Diamon

obbery of Two Months Ago. ROCHESTER, Jan. 25 .- A startling report is current in connection with the murder of Jeweller Bela Brown. It has to do with a big diamond robbery that took place two months ago, when two women were as-saulted and nearly killed. The diamonds were never recovered by the authorities. This has led the police on an entirely new track and makes them anxious to view the contents of Brown's safe. It may be that

contents of Brown's safe. It may be that District Attorney Warren will seal the safe to all except the authorities until the investigation is closed.

The police are anxious to find and interview "Chub" Dempsey, a colored bootblack, who is said to have been absent from the city since the morning following the discovery of the murder of Brown. The police are anxious to find Dempsey as he is alleged to have been seen on Central avenue on Sunday night and to have made damaging admissions to a boy acquaintance of whom he is said to have attempted to borrow money with which to leave the city. Dempsev is about 20 years old and had been a familiar figure about the downtown street corners for 20 years old and had been a familiar figure about the downtown street corners for several years. He was in the habit of blacking Jeweller Brown's shoes, and this work was performed either in Brown's store or on the street. Dempsey was thoroughly familiar with the store, and the police say that they do not think Brown would have had any hesitancy about admitting the bootblack to the store at any time his services were required. time his services were required.

TOO MANY STENOGRAPHERS.

Local Examiner Had a Corps and So Had the State Examiner - His Got the Job. The Civil Service examinations in progress at the Grand Central Palace were the scene of an interesting contest of authority between the local examiner, Herbert Bradnax, and Mr. Fowler, the chief State examiner. Examiner Bradnax had engaged thirty-

two stenographers to do the typewriting required in the examinations. Five dollars each was promised to the stenographers, most of whom were women. When they arrived at the scene of their labors, however, they found their places occupied by an equally numerous corps provided by Mr Fowler. Mr. Bradnax warmly objected on their behalf, insisting that the staff he had engaged should do the work. The stenographers, who said they needed the money, also objected. They were all overtuled and the girl stenographers were sent overtuled. ruled, and the girl stenographers were sent to the corner, where they made mean re-marks about the State examiner's em-

About noon Mr. Bradnax sought aid at About noon Mr. Bradnax sought aid at the East Fifty-first street police station. He was told by the sergeant that it was not a police case, but Roundsman Hawkins was sent over to prevent possible bloodshed. His services were not needed, however. His services were not needed, however The Bradnax contingent, seeing themselves deserted by their leader, retired in good order, saying things about Mr. Bradnax, the Civil Service and all its branches.

WHITE PLAINS POLICE AT SEA. Make a Fourth Arrest in Allen Murder Case, but Real Clues Seem Lacking.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Jan. 25.-Cloyd Barker, the negro arrested Friday night in connection with the murder of Mrs. Isabella Allen, was released to-day after an examination by District Attorney Young. Barker said he had been hailed by the grocer's boy who found the body and that he had spread a feed bag over the dead woman's face. Then he had notified the Coroner. The Italian, Astutti, who was arrested on Thursday and held on the complaint of an Italian woman who charged him with assault, was also released yes-

nim with assault, was also released yesterday.
Salvatore Falsarono, an Italian stone mason, was arrested late to-day. He was unable to account for his whereabouts on Wednesday night. To-morrow night the Village Trustees will offer a reward of \$1,000 for the arrest and conviction of the murderer. Many people here believe the woman was not killed at the place where her body was found, but that she was dragged into one of the low drinking resorts of the village and there maitreated and her body afterward carried to Cottage avenue. ward carried to Cottage avenu

"Baron" Liebich, Charged With Bigamy, Gets Ball.

BURLINGTON, Vt., Jan. 25.-After spending three months in jail here Rudolph Felix Liebich, alias Baron Von Liebich, the pianist, has succeeded in obtaining bail in the sum of \$500, furnished by his attorney, Henry Ballard. The charge against the "Baron is bigamy and his trial is set for the March term of Chittenden county court. He was arrested in this city on Oct. 13, 1601, on com-plaint of Mme. Inga Liebich of Christiania, Norway, who says she is Liebich's first wife. Itis American wife is at East Aurora, N. Y., in the Roycroft shops.

Must Surrender Life Insurance in Bankruptey Cases.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 25. Judge Jenkins of the United States Circuit Court has declared that life insurance policies issued under the semi-tontine plan become a part of the estate of a bankrupt, and must be surrendered to creditors. The ruling is new and will apply in hundreds of cases. It was handed down in the bank-ruptcy proceedings of David Welling of Chicago and reverses a decision by Judge

Mr. Grassmith's Coming Visit.

George Grossmith, the English mimic, who is to arrive here next week, will give his first recital at Mendelssohn Hall Toroday, Fob. 4. He will appear at the mainée on Feb. s. Mr. Grosemith will, among other new monologues, be heard in "Romebodies and Nobodies," a satirical ac-count of some of the celebrities he has count of some of the celebrities he has not. This is Mr. Grosstrikh's fourth visit to the United States.

Clevelands to Summer at Gray timbles. BUZZARDS RAY, Mass., Jan 25 .- Grover Seveland and his family will pass the country summer months at "Gray Gabies. according to the reports received here by one of the neighbors, and not in the licrocarse Hills where he went instreamon for the minut and his family have always enjoyed the bank health while here and will remain unthinger in the fat!

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JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

BUT JEROME SAYS HE'LL PUR SUE INQUIRY TO END.

February Grand Jury May Take Up Ques tion of Responsibility—Frank Moss Believes That Wisker Will Be Indicted. Anyway-Health Board After Tunnel

District Attorney Jerome declined yes terday to state just what will be his plan of procedure in the Park avenue tunnel matter now that a Cororner's jury has held that the officials of the road alone were responsible for the wreck of Jan. 8.

"I shall pursue the investigation to the end," said Mr. Jerome yesterday, "That's what I'm here for and what my oath of office calls upon me to do. But I am not going to rush wildly ahead. I shall go slowly. I am not prepared at this time to make public my plans."

It is not believed that the tunnel matter will come before the present Grand Jury. It will probably be brought to the attention of the February Grand Jury, but in just what form Mr. Jerome will not say.

The officers of the New York Central railroad will not talk about the verdict at all. Chief Engineer Wilgus wrote out a statement for newspapers men yesterday in which he asserted that he could only repeat what he had said at the inquestthat the system of signals in the Park avenue tunnel was as good as it was possible to make it-the verdict of the Coroner's Jury to the contrary notwithstanding. President Newman would not be seen at all and when Manager Franklin saw reporters approaching he dodged into the yards and declined to come back until the

reporters had gone away.
Frank Mose, counsel for Engineer Wisker, believes that despite his crient's exonera-tion by the Coroner's jury, District At-torney Jerome will ask the Grand Jury to indict him. If this is done, Moss said, he had no doubt as to the cutcome. The Adermanic committees on Kallroads and Bruis s and Tunnes, held a joint bear-

and Bridg's and Tunnels held a joint hear-ing at the City Hall yesterday afternoon for the pencial of those who desired to ex-press opinions on the proposed Park ave-nue tunnel improvements. The hearing was captured at once by representatives of the two newspapers which have been forting to git some adverting out of the fighting to get some advert sing cut of the tunner disaster ever since it occurred. Ex-cept for reporters for the two papers a few commuters and a few men who are seen a all public hearings, there were not many

people present.

An ordinance which had been drawn by one of the papers demanding that the New York Cent at Railroad make a single block out of the tunnel was read by Alderman Goodman, who presided. A letter from Lawyer Place of the Central was also read in which Mr. Place simply re-peated what all practical labroad men have been saying ever since the local was advanced, that the single block system is

advanced, that the single block system is not practicable.
Discussion was then opened and the representatives of the two papers went at it hot and heavy. The single block outfit got first say, also second and third say, and boomed the single block game regardless of conditions. Then the other newspaper got a chance. It said that the single block idea was no good and should not even be considered; electricity as a motive power was the only solution of the motive power was the only solution of the

problem.

Various individuals with ancient and impracticable systems for the improvement of the tunnel were heard and then the hearing was adjourned until Monday night at 8 o'clock.

Dr. Ernst J. Lederle, President of the Board of Health, has asked Corporation Counsel Rives for an opinion as to the power of the city to condemn the Park avenue tunnel as a public nuisance and as a menace to health. Mr. Rives has decided that the city has no authority to regulate menace to health. Mr. Rives has decided that the city has no authority to regulate the motive power to be used in the tunnel, but Dr. Lederie submits to him a new point for consideration. Should the Corporation Counsel support the views held by Dr. Lederie, the Board of Health would be in a position to insist upon immediate improvement of traffic conditions in the tunnel under a threat of the condemnation of the tunnel as a public nuisance. l as a public nuisance. Rives said yesterday that it would probably take several days for him to pre-pare his opinion.

FOUND DIAMONDS IN HIS SAFE. They Were of the Rare Steel-Blue Color and Worth \$4,000.

GREENWICH, Conn., Jan. 25. While removing some papers that had been collecting in a drawer of his safe for years, Alexander Weed of Stamford came across a small white paper parcel. He was about to throw it away as worthless, but on second thought decided to open it. His eyes bulged from their sockets when he beheld two dazzling pear-shaped diamonds of the rare steel blue-color of the famous Golconda stones. They were sent to a New York firm of jewellers for mounting, and to-day Mr. Weed received them set in a beautiful ring, with the message "Name your price for them." He says they are not for sale, but the New York jewellers wrote him that they could not be duplicated in this country. The stones weigh two and a half carate each. ond thought decided to open it. His eyes half carats each.
Mr. Weed's father was a Stamford jew-

Mr. Weed's father was a stamford jew-eller for many years and he learned from his mother that his father purchased the gems in 1848 and they were considered remarkable stones. They were put in the safe and after the death of the owner were forgotten until found by the son this week. They are said to be worth \$4,000.

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ACTRESS WIFE HATES KEILEY.

Dorothy Daffron Sues -- Says "I'll Dog Him Until His Life Is a Living Hell." Dorothy Daffron Keiley is suing Charles Russel Kelley, an author, a teacher of whist and a promoter, for a separation on allegations of cruelty and abandonment. The husband is a son of A. M. Keiley, Judge of the International Court at Alexandria. Egypt. The plaintiff was an actress, under he name Dorothy Daffron, when she mar-

ied him on March 31, 1901. Mrs. Keiley says that at 362 West Thirtysecond street, where they went to live, the defendant had tried to throttle her, hit her on several occasions and used insulting language. She says he is an author, is in receipts of royalties, is a highly edu-cated man of letters and is an authority on whist. He is now employed by the Guarantee Development Company of 10 Wall street and besides, receives \$40 a month from his father.

Keiley says that he is not drawing any royalties and has had to drop teaching whist. His income from the company is contingent on the business he brings in,

is contingent on the business he brings in, in which he has not got fully started, and his whole income is at present meagre. Keiley declares that he never struck his wife. Her temper, he says, is malignant and he has been accustomed to take a walk when she got into a tantrum, to let her cool off. Sometimes she stationed herself at the door to prevent him from going out on such occasions and he then pushed her gently aside. President Thomas E. Otis of the company the defendant works for avers that on Dec. 26 last he received a letter from her, Mrs. Keiley, saying of her husband:

her husband:

I shall expose and dog him until his life is a living hell. I told him that long ago if he ever left me and ill-treated me after all my sacrifices and giving up my life in the theatres to please him, I would be revenged if he did not do the right thing by me. I have nothing but revenge in my heart for all who have brought serrow to my door, and may God ruin him " I'll dog him until every door will be closed in his face, and brand him before the whole world, and tell what he did to m

Jacice Dugro yesterday made an order for \$8.12 a week alimony, which Keiley has been paying her under an agreement with her, and a counsel fee of \$25.

OBJECT TO NEW CEMETERY. Mamaroneck and Larchmont Fear Their Wells Will Be Polluted.

MAMARONECK, Jan. 25 .- Wealthy New Yorkers who own summer homes in Mamaroneck, Larchmont and on Quaker Ridge, are roused because the Hickory Grove Cemetery Association, a New York syndicate, has got permission from the Westchester Supervisors to establish a large cemetery midway between those villages on the line of the N. Y., N. H. and H. Railroad. The cemetery association has bought 200 acres of land from the John Stephenson Car Company, where it expects to lay out a public cemetery to rival Woodlawn and Kensico. The residents will begin proceedings in the Supreme Court to pre-vent the laying out of the cemetery on the ground that it will be a menace to health

the ground that it will be a menace to health and will depreciate property.

Among those who are opposed to the cemetery are John G. Beresford, ex-United States Senator Thomas W. Palmer, James Clarke, the publisher, Watson B. Dickman and W. H. Russell. A letter written by Dr. Cyrus Edson of New York to William H. Russell of Quaker Ridge, was made public to-day, in which Dr. Edson says the drainage of the proposed cemetery would pollute wells in addition to insect infection.

MARCELLUS HARTLEY TESTATE. At Least, He Left a Document Showing

His Wishes as to His Property. was admitted yesterday by George W. Hebard, the Treasurer of the M. Hartley Company and an intimate friend of the late Marcellus Hartley, that the latter had not died intestate, as was at first believed, but had left some kind of dogument expressive of his desire with regard to the disposition of his estate. Mr. Hebard refused to say whether that document was a will, as understood by the law. He also declared himself unable to say anything about the probable disposition of the property.

property.

It was printed yesterday that the estate of Mr. Hartley had been found to be worth \$60,000,000 instead of \$4,000,000, the original estimate, and that all had been bequeathed to a favorite grandson, Marcellus Hartley Dodge, now a young man of 20 and a stu-dent at Columbia. According to the same report, Mr. Hebard was the sole executor

Mr. Hebard said that no will had beer offered for probate yet, no executor had been appointed and no appraisement had value of the estate is placed at nearer \$6,000,000 than \$60,000,000.

PLANS TO RESELL EMPIRE TRACK. Kennelly's \$300,000 Offer to Be Taken as

First Bid Rumor of Higher Bid WHITE PLAINS, Jan. 25 .- The order of Justice Keogh, setting aside the sale of the Empire City racetrack, was filed at White Plains to-day. He directs an immediate resale of the track under the direction of Bankson T. Morgan, referee, that the time and place of the sale be advertised for three weeks, and that the sale be held in Manor Hall, Westchester county The bid of \$300,000, filed by Bryan L. Kennelly, is to be taken as the first bid. It was reported about the White Plains Court House to-day that a bid of nearly \$400,000

LAY MOUNDED FIVE HOURS. Tramp With Builet in Abdomen Shot Mor-

tally by Another Hobo. WILEES BARRE, Fa., Jan. 26 - Neil Ham lon, a tramp, was shot and wounded mor-tally to-day. Five hours later he was found by "Buck" Freeman, first baseman of the Boston team: He accused John Conners, another tramps who was found in a drumber sieep nearly. The two had longlit this morning and Handon had inin five hours with a builet in his abdomes before he was found. Cosmors was policed.

Handon is dring at the hospital, his intestines having been pierced by the build.

Dring Man's berbal Liff: a: 89.500 franci Hoze Healy lived to so died in equals: and was buried in the Potter's Field Heson John, a day laborer, found to his surprine, that she had left \$2,000 in bank. When he died. Mrs. Jennie Adano Dickinson, a janiteens, who had auteed turn claimed the money, alienting that he had told her also could have it of the would see that he was not be built he was not be built in the Politic Pield and if the would have he modified a tony taken up and reinforces beginning in the foresteen after these years libraries agreement the foresteen the first the response to the Public Administration practically considered that she prove to see the method of the public and the prove to see the method of the public and the prove to see the method of the public and the prove to see the method of the public and the proventions of the public and the publi

Peace Too Migh to Meditaley Harrogic WIGHES-HARRY PR. Jun 21 -house of the residence of Mangaton Township after the death of the late Frenident McRinbey were to a tourry to have a part of the awarding incorporated as McKinley Borough to the incorporation on the ground that the format of taxothe is too great. It resis then much more as necessary than it did so part of a township

May like of Mydrophistics. Hugh Clayton, 7 years old, of Bowen avenue, Winfield, L. L. died at his home yesterday of hydrophotas. He was taken ill on bunday right and was treated at the Pasteur Institute on Tuesday. The boy was bitten on Jan. 4 by the dog of a neighbor. STAMPED ON A SHOE DO MEANS STANDARD OF MERIT.

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CORONER OUT OF MURDER CASE

NEW ORDER, NOTIFY DISTRICT ATTORNEY, COMES FIRST.

Franz Von Hecht or Van Hechter Likely to Be on Trial So Soon as to Surprise Him-For Killing His Wife on Friday Night-Inquest Will Be Forestalled.

The operations of the District Attorney's homicide bureau resulted yesterday in two reports of a case of homicide This one came from the reporters who

frequent the District Attorney's office: The functions of the Coroner's office are to be superseded by District Attorney Jerome homicide and indictment bureaus. first indication came yesterday when Assistant District Attorney Lord was assigned to investigate the killing of Mrs. May Van Hechter, upon the report of the affair to the lomicide bureau, made as soon as the police knew of it, in accordance with the order out by Col. Partridge last week. Lord, who is so small that he was known at college as the "human gnat," worked so ex-peditiously that by 1 o'clock in the afternoon he had had a prisoner arraigned before Mag-istrate Deuel in the Jefferson Market police court and held upon a charge of murder, had subpænaed witnesses to go before the Grand Jury to-morrow and had had a photographer take pictures of the rooms and other features of the case. Then he talked with Mr. Jerome over the 'phone and made arrangements for the taking up of the case by the Grand Jury, and, in case an indictment is found, for the placing of the case on the calendar for Tuesday to fix a day for trial Assistant District Attorney Schurman, who is prosecuting homicide cases, was notified and expects, in just as soon as he gets rid of the few cases now pending. In these proceedings the Coroner's office was absolutely disregarded.

When asked to explain the rapid proceedings in this case Mr. Jerome said: "My representative was there and is capable of determining whether there is a case against this man. If there is, the Grand Jury is in daily session and ready to consider the evidence. That's all there is to it." Isn't this a reversal of the practice here-tofore in such cases in this city? Can you do these things without regard for the Coroner?"

do these things without regard for the Coroner?

"Oh, yes," was the reply. "As I said, the Grand Jury is in session. If it was a case in the rural districts where the Grand Jury sits but once in a while, I might resort to the Coroner As the practice has been here the Coroner has sat upon such a case and has, held the prisoner, and then the Grand Jury has sat and indicted, and again, the Coroner has subsequently been indicted by the Grand Jury and again the Grand Jury has dismissed complaints against men held by the Grand Jury and again the Grand Jury which has sultimately decided the matter. Why not take it there, then, at other?

"If this is to be your course for low years of what use will the Coroner's office be, then?"

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him to prison without bail to await a hearing which he set for next Wednesday.

Capt. Martens in compliance with Mr. Jerome's recent order notified the District Attorney's office in the meantime and Assistant District Attorney Lord and County Detectives Hammond and McClelland joined the police in the station house before the prisoner was taken to court.

All hands went back to the house and questioned the other tenants Hannah Moore, who lived on the same floor, said that the dead woman's son, Louis Dubois, and a friend had called at the house early on Friday night and left at 9 o'clock. After that she heard the woman pleading with her husband to stop beating her. As the two were in the habit of quarrelling, she thought nothing of it. She head no noise after 11:30 o'clock. Mrs. Kate Fitzmorris, who lives on the floor below, corroborated this. Both also stated that von Hecht had told them often that he was going to get rid of his wife and get a younger woman.

The dead wife was 55 years old and every day could be seen in the Sixth avenue shopping district playing a hand organ. It is said that her daily receipts were double her hushand's earnings, but that she spent the greater part for liquor. The police learned that von Hecht went to the house of Peter Gillen at 82 Carmine street at 2 o'clock yesterday morning and told Gillen and his wife that he thought he had killed "the old woman "They left him at their house and went and investigated. When they returned they advised him to go give himself up Instead to the police station.

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When the body was found the right arm was in splints. Von Hecht bad broken it with a poker two weeks ago. The Coroner was notified.

Dr. O'Hanlon made an autopsy last night and reported that death was due to violence. Eight ribs on the left side and live on the right had been crushed in and had penetrated the lungs. The left eye had been gouged out.

Lake Shore Increases Wages of Freight

Engineers. CHICAGO, Jan. 25.-At a secret conference yesterday in this city between officers of the Lake Shore Railway Company and representatives of the engineers employed on the road material advances in pay were granted to engineers. Men from ten divisions of the road, constituting the Grievance Committee of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, were at the con-ference. The amount of the increase in wages will reach \$250,000 in the present

Top of His Head Cut Off in a Sawmill CORNING, N. Y., Jan. 25 - Ambler Quackaubush of Big Flats, met an awful death in a sawmill near this city to-day. Quackclimbed upon the shafting almost directly over the saw. It is thought that he in tended to oil the machinery. He lost hi balance and fell, striking head first or the carriage just far enough over so that the saw out off the top of his head just above the cars. He was 50 years of age

Ex-Mayor Schleren's till to a Lutheran

Church. The members of the English Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Messiah of Greenpoint will have a house of worship of their own through the generosity of furnier Mayor Charles & Schieren of Brooklyn. The building, which will not about \$40,000 will be precised on Bussell street none Sacono avenue. The society was organized two years ago and the paster is the her hannel G. Trealer.

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Hoboken Pleation Fraud Charges Fall Through. The Hudson County Grand Jury refused on Friday to find any indictments for the alleged election frauds in Hoboken last November. SHORE BIRDS UNPROTECTED.

"NO" INSTEAD OF "AN" IN LAW CUTS OFF \$825,000 FINES.

You May Shoot at Any Time Wilson's Snipe, Yellow Legs, Plover, Rall, Mudhens, Jacksnipe or Bay Snipe if Jus-

tice O'Gorman's Decision Is Confirmed. The penalties of \$1,168,315, which it was proposed by the Attorney-General to colect from Jacob F. Bootman and Howard R. Robinson, cold storage men, for having a large number of dead birds in their posession illegally, were reduced by about \$825,000 to about \$340,000 yesterday by a decision of Justice O'Gorman in the Supreme Court. The \$825,000 would have been penalties for possessing birds enum-erated in Section 30 of the "Forest, Fish

and Game" general law, which says: The close season for Wilson's (called English) snipe, yellow legs, plover, rail, mudhen, gallinule, surf bird, curlew, water chicken, lack snipe, bay snipe or shore bird, shall be from May 1st to August Si, both inclusive. Protection is removed from these birds by what is considered to be a slip of the Legislature in attempting to reënact in 1891 a section of the Game laws of 1900. Section 33 was reënacted with "no" sub-stituted for "an" as indicated below:

Certain Wild Fouls Protected.—Wild birds other than the English sparrow, crow, hawk, crane, raven, crow-blackbird, common blackbird, kingfisher and birds for which there is NO (originally AN) open season, shall not be taken or possessed at any time, dead or alive, except under the authority of a certificate issued under this act.

The greater part of the birds found in possession of the defendants were plover, enipe and yellow legs, for which, as shown in Section 30, there is an open season; and yet section 33 does not prohibit the taking or possession of them because the "no" was substituted for the "an" Justice O'Garnan save

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In order to create an offence under Section 28, it must appear not only that the birds are wild, but also that they are birds for which there is no open season. Therefore, if they are birds having an open season, or if there be no express provision that there shall be no open season, the taking or possession of them constitutes no offence. Courts will go far to preserve the paramount intention of the Legislature where it is possible to do so, but here the incongruities are serious and irreconcitatile that the constitution urged by the plaintiff's nonned can be yielded to only by the court usurping Legislative functions.

The penalties for violation of the valid provisions of the Game laws as to birds are and a fine of \$60, as well as an additional fine of \$25 for each bird unlawfully taken possessed. As to the \$540,000, the Court says that is may be sued for. The case was up on demourter to the complaint.

The Objects in Commission Again BORTON, Jan. 25 - The United States ship Olympia was formally placed in commission at the Boston Navy Yard at 10 'clock this morning. The erew, marine guard and band were drawn up on th quarter deck, tapt H W Lyons read in orders and then Capt Barriay, captain the ward, turned the ship over to him -Olympia will proceed remain at the partition of the last transfer will be been where she will receive Proceed to the last transfer Process of transfer Process of the last transfer Process of transfer Process

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